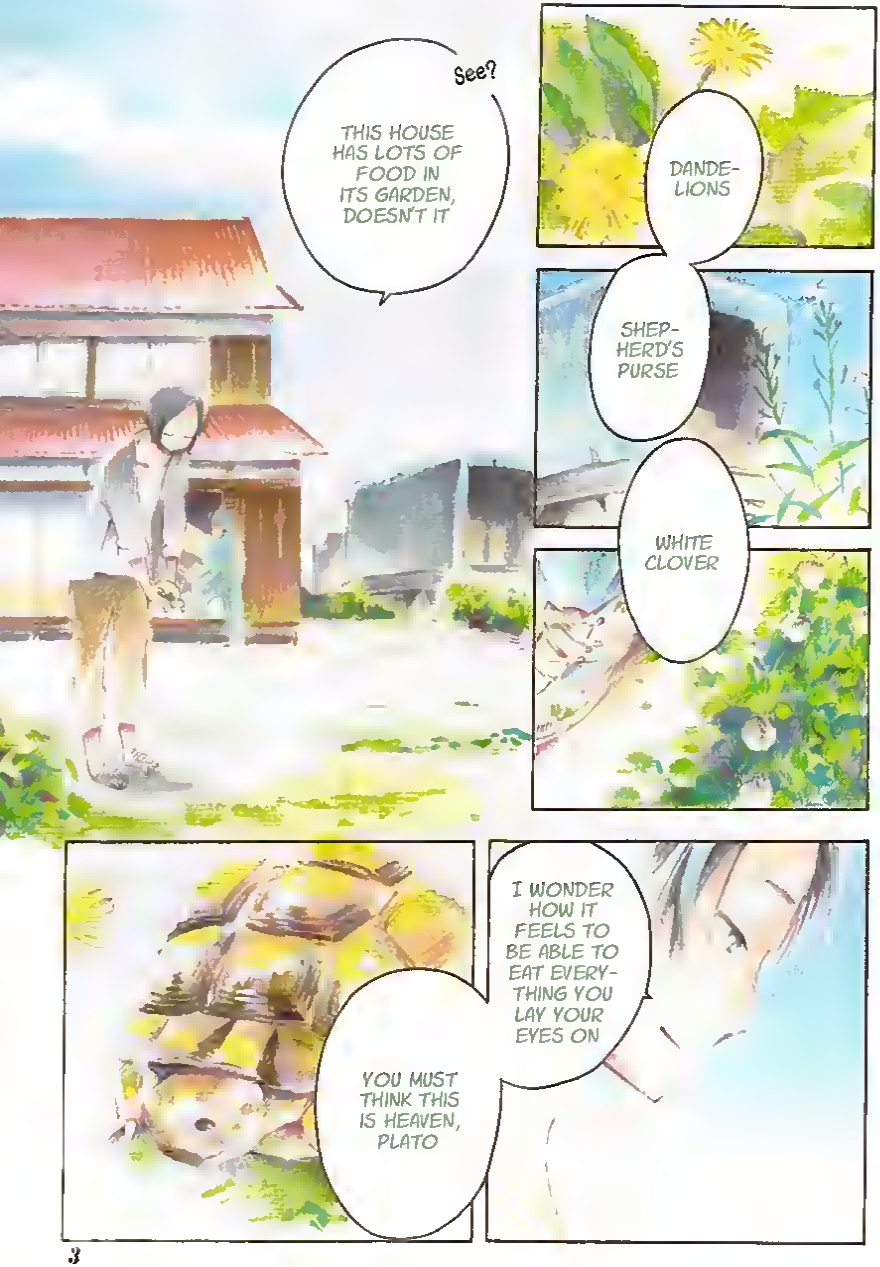
See?
THIS HOUSE HAS LOTS OF FOOD IN ITS GARDEN, DOESN'T IT
DANDE-LIONS
SHEP-HERD'S PURSE
WHITE CLOVER
I WONDER HOW IT FEELS TO BE ABLE TO EAT EVERY-THING YOU LAY YOUR EYES ON
YOU MUST THINK THIS IS HEAVEN, PLATO

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HEAVEN
HE IS THINKING THAT HE IS IN HEAVEN RIGHT NOW
THE SKY IS VASTER THAN ANY HE HAS EVER SEEN
HE IS-- PLATO IS-- SURELY IN HEAVEN RIGHT NOW

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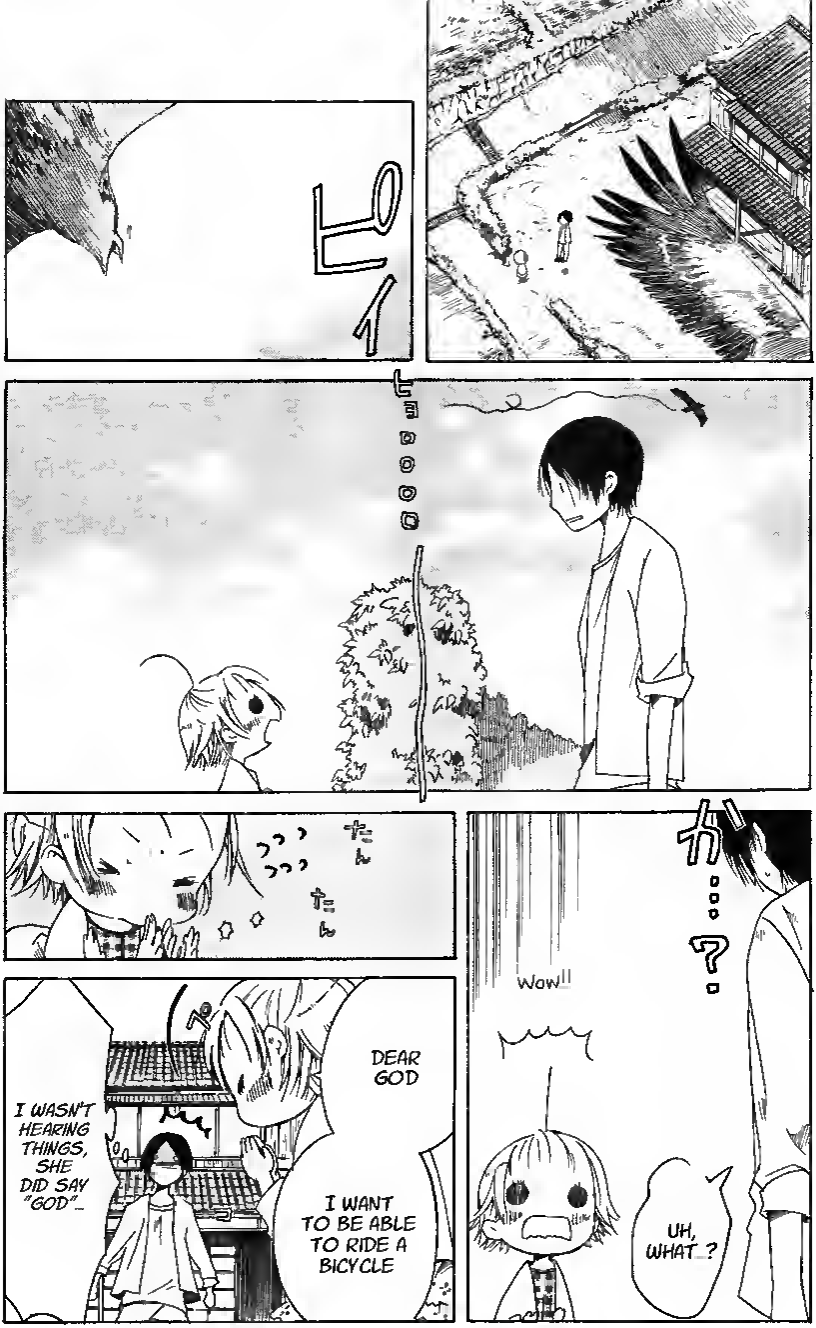
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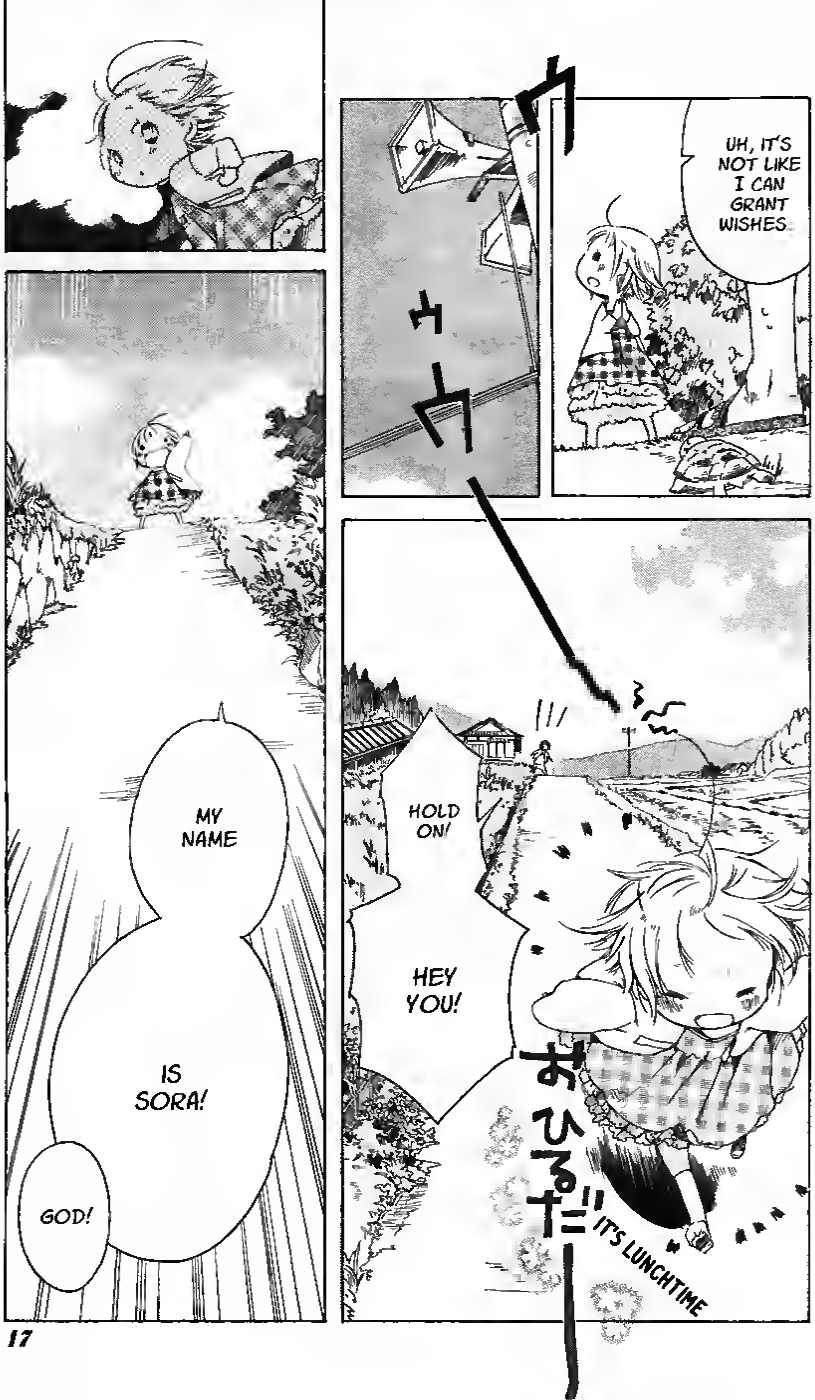
Wow!!
UH, WHAT_?
DEAR GOD
I WANT TO BE ABLE TO RIDE A BICYCLE
I WASN'T HEARING THINGS, SHE DID SAY "GOD"_


UH, IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN GRANT WISHES.
HOLD ON!
HEY YOU!
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IT'S LUNCHTIME
MY NAME
IS SORA!
GOD!

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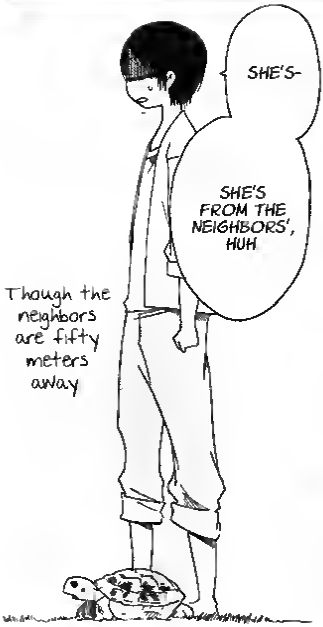

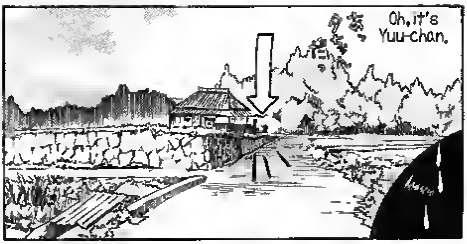

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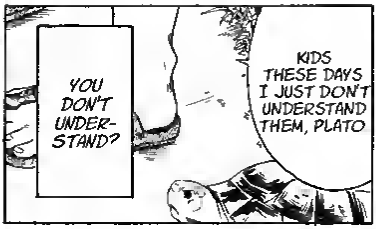
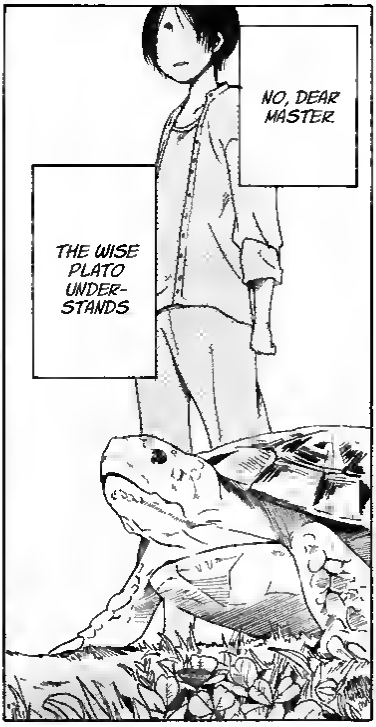
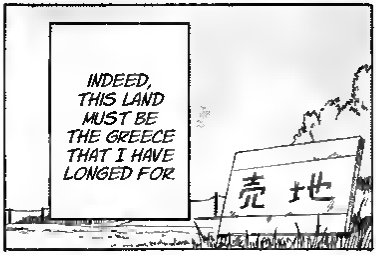
WHAT HE HEARD

(PLATO HEARS "SORA DESU" AS "SOKURATESU".)







(LAND FOR SALE)

YOU SAID PLATO, AS IN SOCRATES AND PLATO?
PLATO'S INTEREST IN THAT LAND STEMS FROM HIS NAME.
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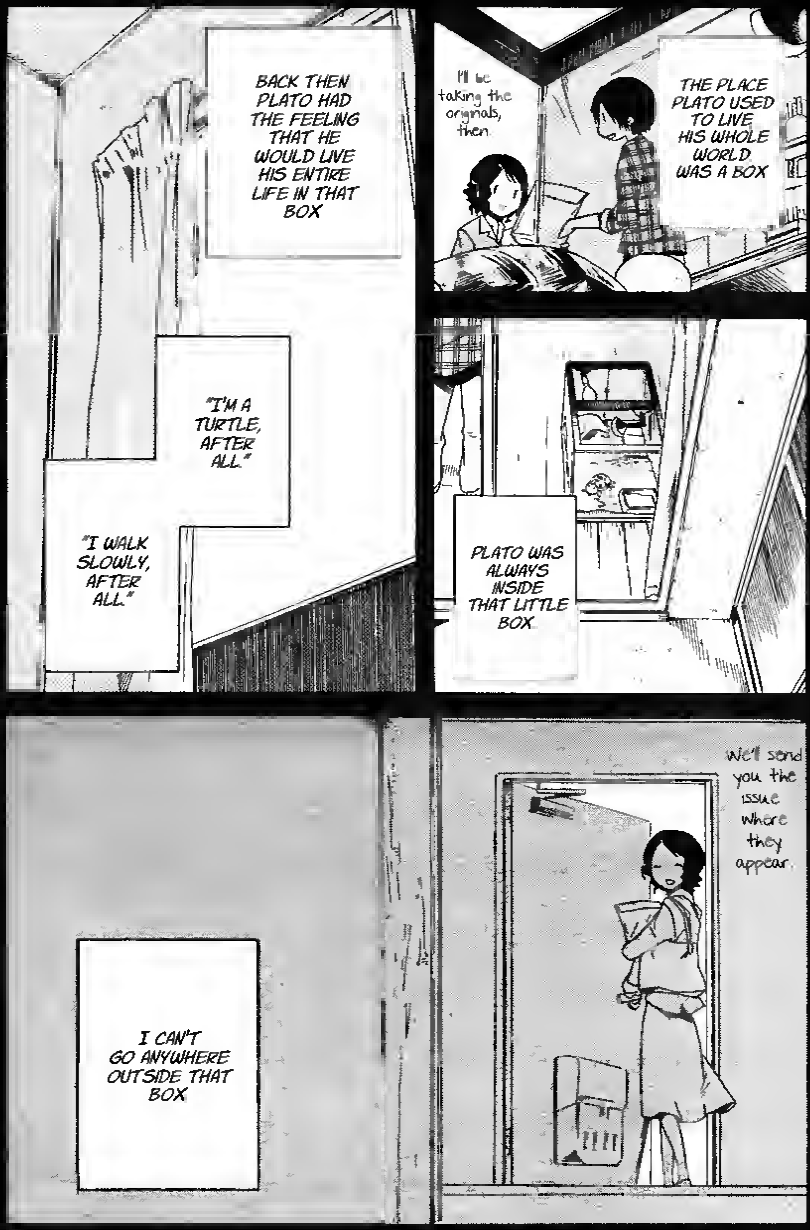
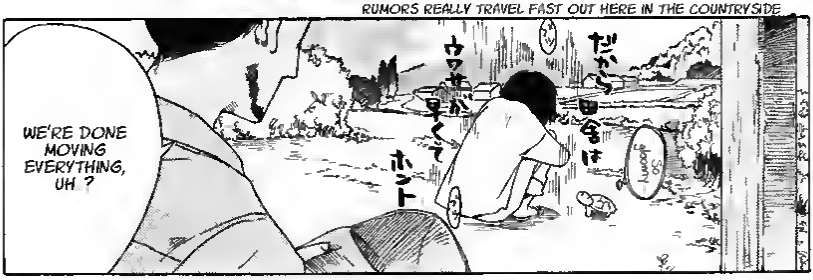
cute
HE'S A GREEK TORTOISE
WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT GREECE, THINGS LIKE PLATO AND SOCRATES ARE WHAT COME TO MIND.
AND HEY, YOU KNOW—
TORTOISES KINDA SEEM LIKE THEY'RE PHILOSOPHERS, DON'T THEY?
cute
Signature pose

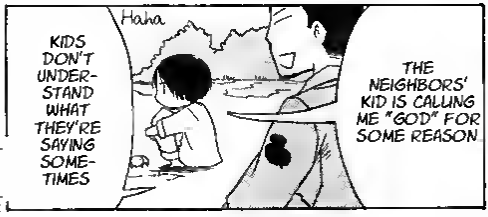

BACK THEN PLATO HAD THE FEELING THAT HE WOULD LIVE HIS ENTIRE LIFE IN THAT BOX
"I'M A TURTLE, AFTER ALL."
"I WALK SLOWLY, AFTER ALL."
I'll be taking the originals, then.
THE PLACE PLATO USED TO LIVE HIS WHOLE WORLD WAS A BOX
PLATO WAS ALWAYS INSIDE THAT LITTLE BOX.
I CAN'T GO ANYWHERE OUTSIDE THAT BOX.
We'll send you the issue where they appear.

I CAN'T GO ANYWHERE I DESIRE, LIKE A HUMAN CAN--
WHEW-- I'M DONE WITH THAT JOB, PLATO
IT WAS A LOT OF WORK THIS TIME
It's a serialization.
IF IT GETS A GOOD RECEPTION
LET'S MOVE TO A MORE SPACIOUS PLACE PLATO
AND FINALLY, THERE IT WAS
THIS IS MUCH MORE SPACIOUS THAN THE PLACE BEFORE.

RUMORS REALLY TRAVEL FAST OUT HERE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE



Like when we were classmates



AND HERE'S THE INVOICE WITH CLASSMATE PRICING

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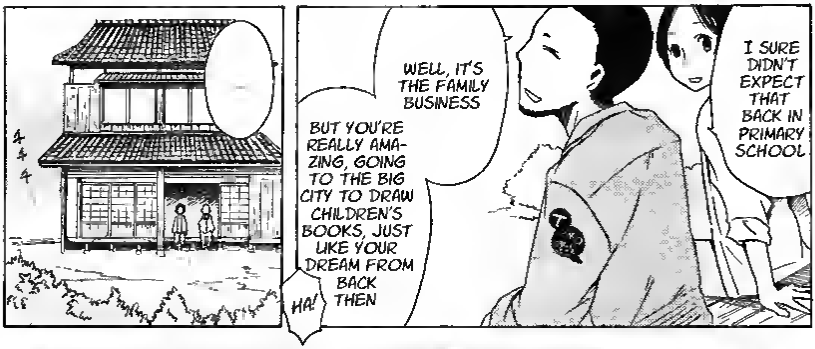
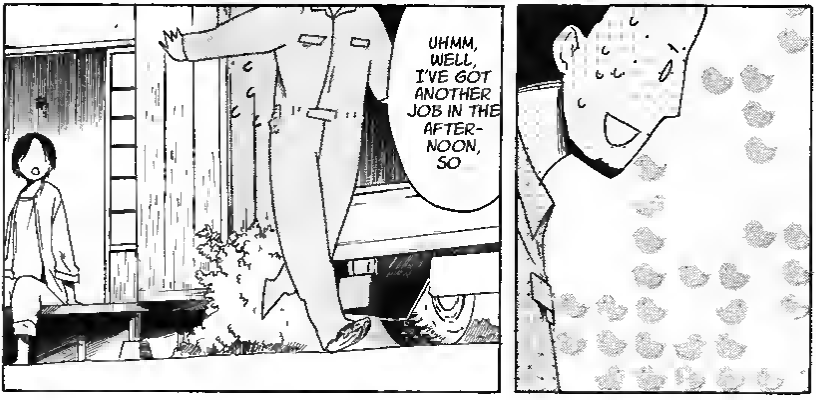
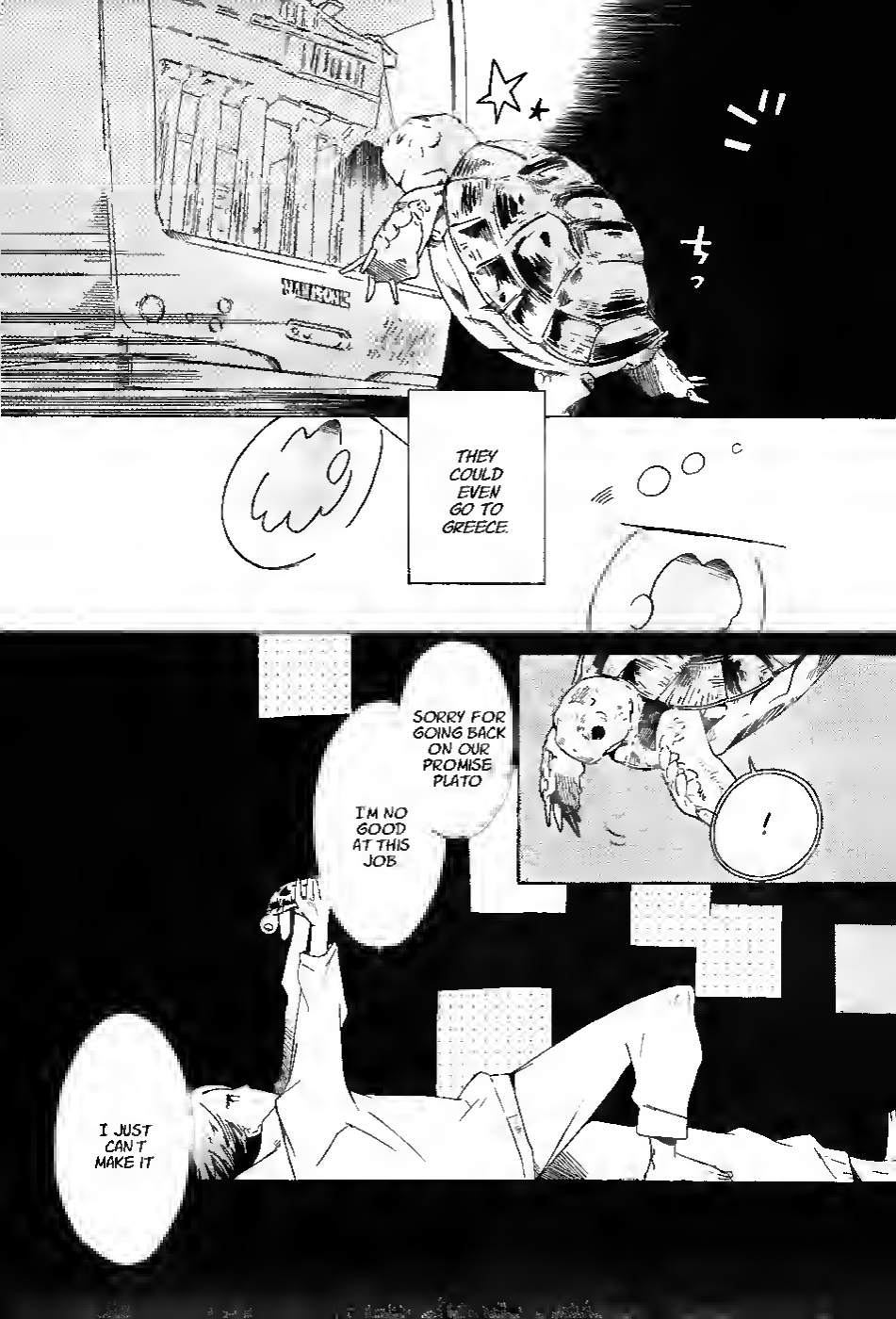

I SURE DIDN'T EXPECT THAT BACK IN PRIMARY SCHOOL
You always skipped cleaning duty
WELL, IT'S THE FAMILY BUSINESS
BUT YOU'RE REALLY AMAZING, GOING TO THE BIG CITY TO DRAW CHILDREN'S BOOKS, JUST LIKE YOUR DREAM FROM BACK THEN
HA!

(PUN: 'DELIVERY' AND 'RUN AWAY' ARE BOTH 'HAISOU')



OH YEAH!
IF YOU EVER NEED A JOB, I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO THE FOLKS AT MY COMPANY!
HE DIDN'T LAUGH AT THAT, HUH
HE DIDN'T LAUGH.
I GUESS THAT JUST CONFIRMS THAT IT'S NO LAUGHING MATTER
SOMEHOW, MY MASTER IS STILL WEARING THE SAME EXPRESSION AS HE DID BEFORE, BACK IN THAT BOX.

WHY DO HUMAN BEINGS GO WHERE THEY DO?
IT MUST BE PAINFUL TO NOT BE ABLE TO GO ANYWHERE
IT MUST BE NICE TO OPEN DOORS LIKE A HUMAN CAN.
PLATO IS JUST A TURTLE, AND DOES NOT UNDER-STAND.


THEY COULD EVEN GO TO GREECE.
SORRY FOR GOING BACK ON OUR PROMISE PLATO
I'M NO GOOD AT THIS JOB
I JUST CAN'T MAKE IT
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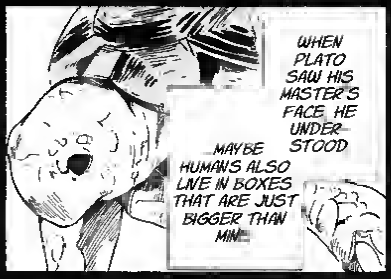
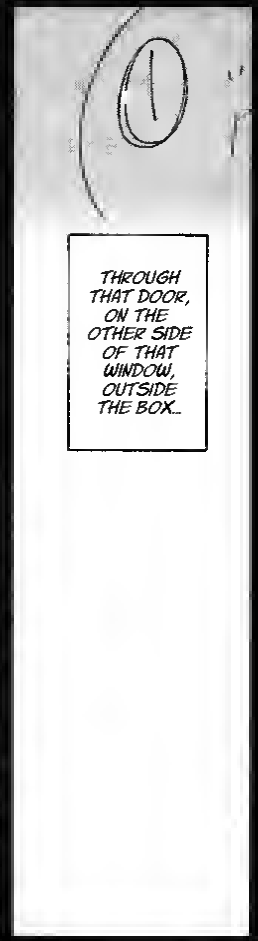
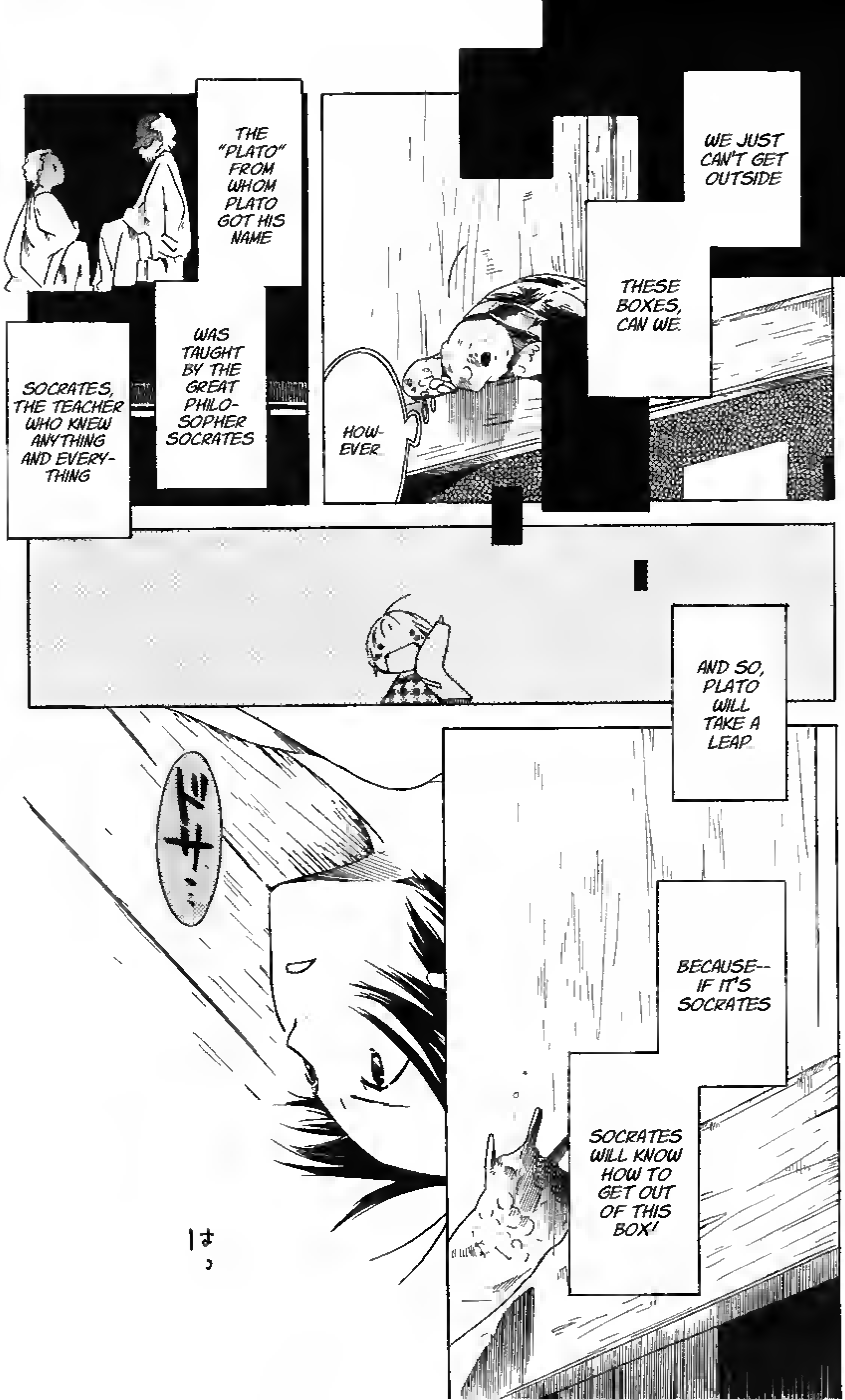

WHEN PLATO SAW HIS MASTER'S FACE, HE UNDERSTOOD
...MAYBE HUMANS ALSO LIVE IN BOXES THAT ARE JUST BIGGER THAN MINE.

...I THINK... I'M GOING BACK TO THE COUNTRYSIDE TO MY FOLKS' PLACE, PLATO.

...IS THE SAME KIND OF BOX, AND THEN ANOTHER BOX, AND ANOTHER


THROUGH THAT DOOR, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT WINDOW, OUTSIDE THE BOX...


SOCRATES, THE TEACHER WHO KNEW ANYTHING AND EVERY-THING
WAS TAUGHT BY THE GREAT PHILO-SOPHER SOCRATES
THE "PLATO" FROM WHOM PLATO GOT HIS NAME
HOW-EVER
THESE BOXES, CAN WE
WE JUST CAN'T GET OUTSIDE
AND SO, PLATO WILL TAKE A LEAP
BECAUSE-- IF IT'S SOCRATES
SOCRATES WILL KNOW HOW TO GET OUT OF THIS BOX!

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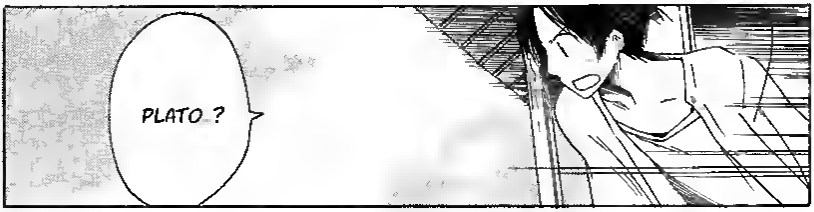

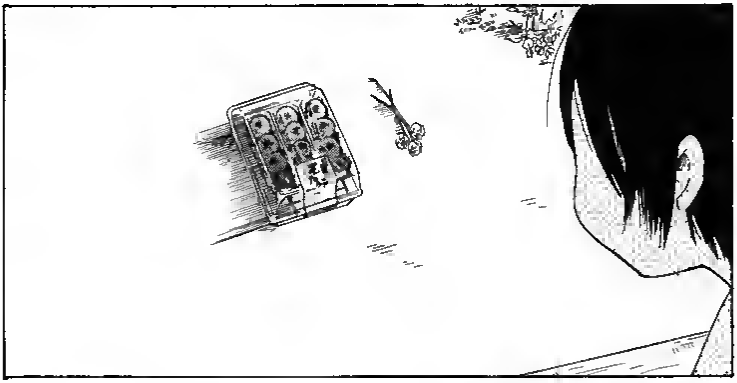

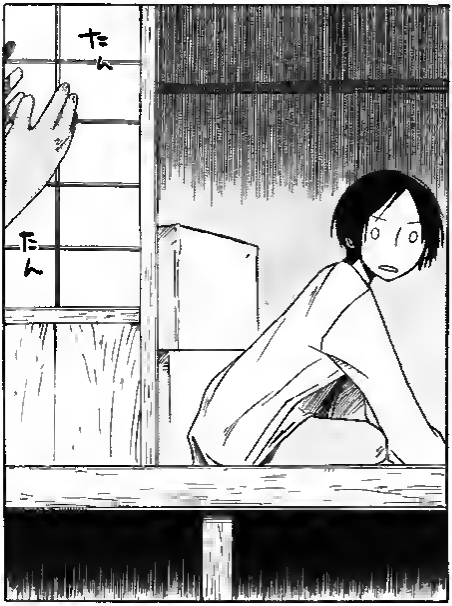

GOOD AFTERNOON, GOD

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WHAT'S THIS ?
TEACHER!
GRAMMA SAID, TO TAKE THIS TO THE NEIGHBORS IT'S AN OFFERING, SHE SAID
IT'S NOT AN OFFERING, IT'S SHARING.
SORRY, BUT-
I'M NOT A GOD, OKAY
SO WHY-
DO YOU CALL ME THAT?

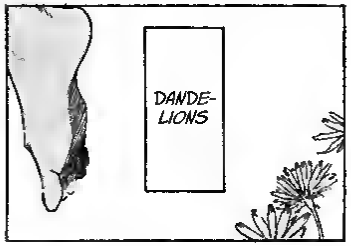
すみっこの空さん

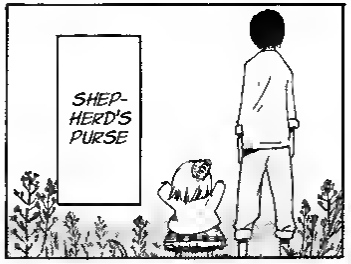
SORA LOOKED EVERY-WHERE AND COULDN'T FIND IT.
WHEN SORA WOULDN'T STOP LOOKING, GRAMMA SAID,
SORA'S PET BIRD DIS-APPEARED.
JUST RECENTLY
"THE NEIGHBORS ARE TAKING CARE OF YOUR BIRD."
ADULTS SURE ARE DIS-HONEST
THAT BIRD IS PROBABLY DEAD, ISN'T IT
OHH.
THEY'VE BEEN PROTECTING THIS GIRL.

WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY BIRDS
THEY MUST HAVE LIED TO AVOID UPSETTING YOU
BECAUSE YOU'RE STILL LITTLE
AS THOUGH NOTHING PAINFUL EXISTED IN THIS WORLD
IT'S LIKE A DREAM WHERE EVERYBODY'S HEALTHY AND STRONG
ONE DAY IT WILL ALL BE SHATTERED
THAT'S TRUE

EVERYONE IS HIDING THE FACT THAT SORA'S BIRD IS DEAD
YOU MEAN-- YOU KNEW ?
SORA OVERHEARD HER GRAMPA AND GRAMMA TALKING ABOUT IT

BUT SORA KNOWS
THAT EVERYONE WHO DIES, GOES TO HEAVEN


DANDE-
LIONS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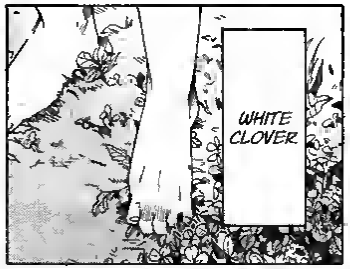
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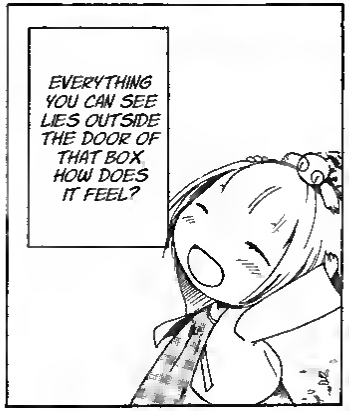
EVERYTHING
YOU CAN SEE
LIES OUTSIDE
THE DOOR OF
THAT BOX.
HOW DOES
IT FEEL?

LOOK,
IT'S AS
BEAUTIFUL
AS HEAVEN,
RIGHT?

SORA'S BIRD
DIED AND
CAME TO THE
NEIGHBOR'S
PLACE
SO THIS
MUST BE
HEAVEN
GOD IS
THE PERSON
WHO LIVES IN
HEAVEN
IT'S GOD!

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AND THUS, THE TEACHER SOCRATES TOOK PLATO AS A PUPIL, AND THEY BEGAN THEIR LIFE IN GREECE.

I SEE

IT'S JUST AS YOU SAY!

IT'S JUST AS YOU SAY, TEACHER!

HENCE THE "GOD"

AND THEY ALL LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER

WHEN YOU CALL ME "GOD," IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I CAN DO ANYTHING

If God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent him.

Voltaire (1694—1778)

HUH?

HAPPILY EVER AFTER?

THEN, GOD, YOU CAN DO SOMETHING LIKE TEACHING TURTLES HOW TO SPEAK, RIGHT

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